

The Port Arthur News

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SHORT STORIES

From High Falls, Houston and other places.

Port Arthur people who have the New Year resolutions in mind should remember that the only way to make them is to start doing them now. It is not a matter of waiting until the first of January to begin a new habit or to give up an old one. The only way to make a resolution is to start doing it now.

You could swear not to make a million and live up to it in spite of all the temptations that come your way. You could swear not to drink and live up to it in spite of all the temptations that come your way. You could swear not to smoke and live up to it in spite of all the temptations that come your way.

You could swear off smoking, which you had to do if you got any cigars for Christmas. You could swear off eating traffic cops and not break it more than once, or perhaps just half that often. You could swear to be a good citizen and not break it more than once, or perhaps just half that often.

This list is no easy, college graduate can grasp it. S. S. even refuses to go as far as to say your town could understand several of the minor suggestions. It is the only 1922 list of wishes that will pay you, we think. Swear that you will go hungry if you have nothing to eat for a while. Swear that you will get dark every night just after dusk.

That you will get the coal dealer who he takes you to say. That you will get wet if you stand in the rain long enough. That you will let Congress forget why it was elected. That you will let the sun continue to rise just about every day. That you will let your car (or taxi) you will pay for it with your own money.

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FOIL JAIL DELIVERY OF MER ROUGE SLAYER

TURKS DEMAND U. S. WITHDRAW

Ask That America Be Denied Voice at Lausanne
PROTEST IS FILED

Object to Christian Amnesty, Free Armenia

LAUSANNE, Dec. 20.—The Turks today demanded that the United States be denied a voice in the Lausanne conference.

Alon Nourine Bey, Turkish delegate, filed with the minorites sub-commission a protest against considering any American suggestions. He declared that Ambassador Gild and others from the United States were being simply an obstacle.

It is understood that the protest referred to not only to the United States but also to the American project for an autonomous Armenia presented today.

BRITISH NATIONALS WARNED OF DANGER
CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 20.—Owing to Turkish troop movements, which may aggravate the situation in the vicinity of Constantinople, the British authorities "late" tonight warned British subjects to be ready to leave at the first notice.

MODEL TO COME IN CITY LIMITS?
Waco Case Parallel to Port Arthur, Dyous Says

An article of a recent decision handed down by the Texas state supreme court in a case involving the annexation of territory by Waco without consulting the city charter, Mayor J. T. Logan is investigating the case with a view of extending the city limits of Port Arthur to include the model addition.

To Attempt Extension
Definite steps to extend the city limits to include the model addition will be taken by the city before June, in case it is definitely ascertained that the city charter is not amended. The city charter is now under consideration of the city council.

YOUTH III of Liquor Sold by Constable
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 20.—Rosenberg, McGee, Tulsa, Okla., is seriously ill at a local hospital tonight and H. C. Cottle, constable at Norman, is being held in jail there on charges of violation of prohibition laws following the alleged sale of liquor by Cottle to McGee.

COLONEL TOWN DIES AT SAN TONE HOME
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 20.—Colonel Francis L. Town, retired army officer, died here Saturday afternoon following a stroke of apoplexy. He was 80 years old.

Neff Urges Teeth for Dry Law

ENFORCEMENT IN GRIP OF INERTIA
Proposes Far-Reaching Legislation to Stem Wet Tide
WOULD SEIZE PLANES
Says Technicalities Suck Life Blood from Code

FLORENCEVILLE, Texas, Dec. 20.—The most drastic proposals made toward reforming law enforcement, since Texas went "dry" with the adoption of the eighteenth amendment to the federal constitution were made here tonight by Governor Pat Neff. They included:

High Spots of Speech
Legislation which would give a jail sentence to any person found in a public place under influence of intoxicants.

Legislation that would require any person elected or appointed to a public office to swear he hadn't violated the liquor laws during the previous year and that he wouldn't while in office.

Legislation making it a misdemeanor for anyone to possess liquor, or any of the things required to make it.

Legislation providing for seizure of all vehicles, even airplanes, used in transporting "boozie."

Most Heinous Laws
Declaring that a "traditional and parasitic growth of technicalities have sucked the life blood out of the penal code of Texas," the executive asserted that "we need legislation in the interest of citizens and against criminals."

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Piston Pops Through Engine As Sausage Is Put in Rear Axle and Tourist Dives Into Marsh

Driver, His Battery Down, Makes Wild Ride But Escapes Death When Hurled Through Windshield and Car Tumbles

Two smashed wheels on the front of his car, a bent and twisted frame and an engine which had a piston rod forced through its top are all that remains of an overturned car on the Sabine road, the result of a wild midnight Friday ride with one light burning undertaken by J. E. Bowers, of Alexandria, La., in an effort to reach relatives residing near Sabine Pass before his lights completely flamed.

This story was revealed when Bowers, unable to find his way alone, the unfamiliar and lonely road walked to Port Arthur, on the back track, suffering from exposure caused by his plunge in the mud when thrown clear from the car, and several serious cuts about the face and back from broken glass of the windshield, through which he was plunged head first.

Teeth Remained in Sausage
Bowers, a mechanic, left Alexandria a week ago, expecting to find employment here in one of the refineries. First he planned to visit a cousin in the neighborhood of Sabine whom he had not seen for ten years.

After leaving Port Arthur, he said, "I spent about three hours yesterday endeavoring to remedy the differential case, thrown out of line when I hit a hole in the roadway and struck a large stone on the rebound. The grease was dripping from the casing and I had no means of plugging up the leak except with old rope."

"After making the repair, I found that a cell of the battery had sprung a leak. By this time it was dusk and the lights were dimming. It was getting chilly and so I stepped on the gas and tried to make up for lost time. Then I heard a grinding 'yowl' in the rear and stopped, only to find that all the grease in the rear had dripped away from the sagged spring worked out of the crevice between the differential case units and that the bolts had become warped and twisted so that I could hardly do more than get them partially tightened. So as a last resort I took the sausage and bacon and forced it into the differential, figuring that perhaps there was enough grease in them to keep the car moving, and started off again."

"Then, the first thing I knew there was a crash from inside the engine and I found myself in the mud, with the car piled upside down just behind me."

Bowers said that he picked up a ride when within two miles of Port Arthur and came back to get his car dressed.

7 DOLLAR A YEAR MEN INDICTED

War Frauds Jury Charges Conspiracy
HIGH-UPS INVOLVED
Accused of 100 'Overt Acts' in Camp Construction

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The entire war camp construction program of the Wilson administration was severely arraigned here today in the indictment of seven former high war department officials by a special war frauds grand jury on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government.

Colonels and Civilians
Benedict Crowell, former assistant secretary of war during the Wilson administration; William A. Starrett, formerly a colonel in the quartermaster corps; Clement W. Lundoff, vice-president of the Crowell-Lundoff-Little company and general manager of the Cleveland Construction company and a member of the emergency construction committee of the war department; Morton C. Cuttle, general manager of the Abernethy Construction company and also a member of the construction committee; Clair Foster, formerly with the Thompson-Stewart and George A. Fuller Construction company, and during the war a major in the engineer corps; James A. Mears, general manager of the Fred T. Ley company, who was on the construction committee; and John H. McGibbon, who merely was identified as a former member of the committee.

"Dollar-a-Year" Men
Some of those indicted served as "dollar-a-year" men in the war department during the war.

Excessive charges were levied on the government in the construction of more than 5,000 structures, including hospitals, barracks, fortifications, warehouses and other buildings, the indictment charges. Approximately 100 "overt acts" were listed by the grand jury concerning the activities of the war time emergency construction committee.

While exact estimates were unavailable, the jury stated that the defendants' alleged disregard of the law calling for detailed bids for all construction work cost the government \$800,000.

State Health Officers Removed; More Slated
AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 20.—Dr. F. H. Golas, head of the pure food and health division, Dr. Malcolm Graham, director of laboratories and state bacteriologist since 1918 and Dr. Twichell, head of the bureau of vital statistics, were among those dismissed today in shake-up in staff of the state health department, which was ordered by Governor Neff.

Other changes are contemplated, it was understood, at least a dozen members of the staff being slated for discharge.

GUARDS FIRE ON PROWLERS WHO RETURN VOLLEY

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Father Denies Boy Attempted to Slay McKoin

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Receiving no reply, he called again and when they refused to answer fired three shots in the direction of the shadows.

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The prowlers answered the volley with a number of shots and escaped. News of the brush with the men became known when Lieutenant Everett Dean, officer of the day troops guarding the jail, reported the incident to headquarters of the troops.

Military authorities declined to comment, fearing that the incident might prove the spark that would send a flare of civil war rolling throughout the community.

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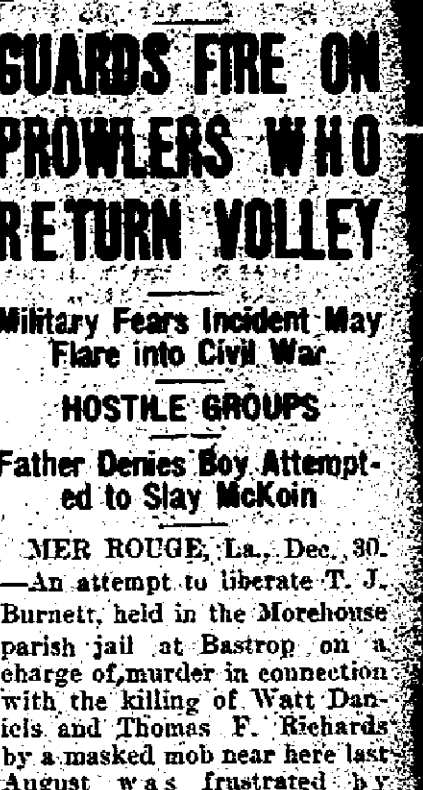
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May Highest Month
For the year 1922, January shows the lightest building activity, permits during this month totalling \$27,937, and the highest amount of building permits issued in any single month was that of May, when a permit for the \$120,000 Dentser department store building and the Central building on Austin avenue and Fourth street, a \$20,000 structure, with other permits issued brought the total monthly value up to \$224,078.

A total of 1,247 permits was issued in 1922. The values of the permits, month by month during the past year, were as follows: January, \$27,937; February, \$38,277; March, \$80,535; April, \$70,330; May, \$224,078; June, \$105,401; July, \$118,409.50; August, \$111,706; September, \$88,536; October, \$111,180; November, \$80,233; and December, \$146,579.

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Logan Gives Outline of Problems Facing Port Arthur for 1923

MAYOR REVIEWS 1922 PROGRESS

New Year Finds Problems Needing Solution

By J. P. LOGAN
Mayor of Port Arthur

With the year 1923 dawning, it is well for men and communities and even civilizations to take stock of their assets and liabilities. As the auditor of the commercial world sets his figures on the credit and debit sides of the ledger in his task of determining the profit or loss of the year past, so should we all take stock and achievement in the moral affairs of our lives, so that we might know whether we have grown better or worse—whether we have gained or lost during the past twelve months.

The word "moral" encompasses more than the mere manner of living among our people. It includes also our social and civic relations one with another and the things we have done and left undone which go to make life more worth the living for ourselves and neighbors.

In the latter category properly belong those things which lie within the scope of municipal endeavor and civic effort. It is with such as these that your mayor should address you on this the eve of the New Year, the season when hope springs forward in the human breast and drives us onward to higher aims and greater energy for the coming year of labor.

A glance usually suffices to encompass the past; no vision may trespass the future before us. In municipal affairs, our city's past alone is a guide to its probable future, and only he who fully appreciates its wonderful progress in material things and its steady trend upward in moral matters may partially prophesy the things the coming years hold in store for it.

The Moral Uplift.

While your administration is of course proud of its part in the material improvement of the city, your officials find their greatest source of pride in the better moral conditions prevailing now, when compared with those which so sorely tested the patience of the people when they hoisted us with their trust and confidence. All that has been done, while much still is a long way from enough, but the fact that the people—at least the vast majority of them—have responded so splendidly to the movement for cleaner living and more effective enforcement of the laws is a harbinger of perfect success in time.

No community can rise above the general average of character and ability of its citizenship, but on the other hand, it need not grovel in the mire of its past. It is the duty of the people who control its affairs. The people in all communities are characteristically passive in their resistance to the machinations of the bad among them, and frequently a meager minority may, because of this deplorable indifference on the part of the majority, give a drab tone to the community in matters of moral import.

But when the majority awakes, becomes militant, and by its support of the officials and concrete, are with them, then those of evil ways give way before the force of righteousness like chaff before the wind.

It is to this militant righteousness among the vast majority of the people, more than to any other single influence, that Port Arthur is indebted for the changes that have been wrought during recent months. That your administrative and executive forces have had a part in this is a source of gratification to them, and for them I take this opportunity to extend to the citizenship of Port Arthur our pledge of continued activity in the war on vice and evil of every form until our progressive city shall stand in the forefront among the cities of the nation where clean living is the rule and exalted morality the dominant influence in the community.

New Court Bill.

In this connection I may state that your officials look forward with satisfaction to the proposed new court bill, which certainly will be enacted by the next legislature. With such a court in operation here, officers of the law will find their task simplified because their power to punish will be greater and the wrong-doer of petty kind will have greater reason to fear and respect the law's strong arm.

Fresh Water.

Among our municipal problems of the future, the greatest is fresh water. This problem has been ours since the beginning and still is with us. All are familiar with the recent history of the movement to provide an adequate supply of this essential to the city's continued growth and development along industrial lines. In its present status the plan is somewhat nebulous, but I feel that in the light of the very pressing necessity for a solution at the earliest possible date, the public will be willing to give its support to the water commissioners in their sincere efforts to find a plan which will be at once practicable, acceptable to all interests and adequate to the demand.

Athletic Field.

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." For years the question of an athletic field for Port Arthur has agitated the minds of the younger generation here. The coming year ought to see this issue settled, and I pledge the co-operation of the administration with the civic clubs and other organizations in finding a proper solution within the year.

A gratifying announcement is that the efforts of the school board and the administration have reached an agreement to erect together on the city's park. The schools will allow citizens free access to the school grounds and the city in turn will concentrate

its efforts on improvement of parks near the school.

Port Arthur is rich in park possibilities, and with its great flat of ground fronting the canal there is no limit to the work of ornamentation and beautification that might be carried out by the city, acting in conjunction with the citizens through their civic clubs.

Municipal Improvements.

The past year has brought the most important progress in this department of recent years. With the bond issue voted by the people last year, your administration points with no little pride to the extension of the water mains and sewer service to practically every portion of the city, thus opening up for use by home owners valuable residence sites in hitherto undeveloped sections and tending in large measure to solve the housing problem, always so great in this rapidly growing city.

In addition to this, contracts already have been let and the work begun in some instances on the largest paving program, and within the next few months this work will be completed.

In the matter of street improvement, it will be necessary during the coming year to sell or otherwise surface about 100 blocks of street, which now are impassable for all vehicular traffic during wet weather. This work according to the city engineer's estimates, can be completed at a cost of approximately \$200,000, and your administration is committed to the policy of carrying out this work during the coming year.

While we have one of the most efficient fire departments in the south, considering the size of our city, we still are a little short of fulfilling the requirements of the state insurance board. Steps therefore, must be taken during the coming year to improve that service, so that our insurance rates may not be increased and our property better protected.

We have sufficient funds from our bond issue to partly provide the required additions, but it will be necessary to provide funds for the purchase of a \$500,000 pump, build a small station near DeQueen boulevard and Ninth street and place about 25 additional alarm boxes.

Shreveport Avenue.

This avenue to the community and menace to the health of the people must be met and dealt with during the coming year. This open cess-pool running through the very heart of the city is a detriment to our city that cannot be estimated in the matter of damage it does, not only in the ways mentioned above, but in its impression upon the visitor and seeker after a home or place of business.

I am advised by the engineering department that concrete conduits can be constructed at a cost of about \$200,000, which will almost be sustained by the present cost of repairs on the ditch as it stands. The cost to the taxpayers would be inconsiderable, when the benefits to be derived are considered, and since the entire community suffers from existing conditions, it follows that the entire community would be benefited by the proposed improvement. Citizens should issue bonds during 1923 for this very important improvement.

The Spoil Bank.

Your administration now has up with the federal authorities the matter of the use of the spoil bank as a site for wharves and docks. This also is highly important to the prosperity of the community and will incidentally remove from the landscape the unsightly flat which now exists under the eyes of every visitor to the city. The growing local commerce of the city makes it essential that suitable craft shall have facilities for loading and unloading cargoes of produce from the farms along the coast and inter-coastal canal and building materials, wood and other necessities from up-river sources of supply.

The Traction Company.

Street car transportation for our people to and from their places of work is one of the greatest municipal problems. Port Arthur is no exception in this particular, but its experience serves actually to emphasize it. Following years of notoriously inadequate service and the most liberal possible treatment by the various administrations, the local traction company today perhaps enjoys the distinction of giving less service at higher fares than any other similar organization in the state. Through its manager, the company not only has fallen woefully short of the measure of its responsibility to the community, but has sub-

sternly and consistently resisted every effort to induce it to treat its patrons with a reasonable degree of consideration.

Your administration during the past few months has found it necessary to use its fullest powers to compel the company to join with the other taxpayers in the street improvement program in proper manner. It succeeded in forcing a favorable issue on that point, but has not yet taken the final step toward compelling the company to erect a line through the back sections of the city. This is one of the tasks we have set for ourselves during 1923, and with the co-operation of the public we feel sure that within the twelve months coming we shall be able to bring about favorable action on the part of the traction company.

Other Public Services.

The public is familiar with the status of the gas service. We have fixed a reasonable rate which the company will contest in the courts. The issue will depend largely upon the sympathy and support of the public, which, finally, is the arbiter of the affairs of all public service corporations. It is unfortunate that this service has not been handled in a manner that kept it in step with the progress of the city in other respects, but we are hopeful that the next year, will witness a final adjustment of the situation to the mutual advantage of the citizenship and the company.

The telephone company, after months of delay pending an agreement upon the rate question, finally accepted the city's ultimatum to carry out the promised improvements first and talk increased rates afterward. This work now is progressing satisfactorily, and the community doubtless will be ready at the proper time to show its appreciation by a fair consideration of the company's request for added revenues.

Eastern Texas Electric Co.

A service which affords the people of Port Arthur a source of satisfaction and pride is that supplied by the Eastern Texas Electric company. No city anywhere enjoys a better service than that furnished by this company or at rates that are fairer to the consumer. This company is entitled to the thanks of its patrons, not only for its excellent service, but also for the uniform courtesy and consideration shown the public by those in charge of the property and its service.

A Final Word.

The greatest agency in the advancement of any community is harmony and accord among its people. Factionalism is fatal to progress of a permanent sort, and a block to the wheels in every direction. I hope that during the next year the citizenship of our splendid little city will come together finally as one great family, meeting on the broad platform "PORT ARTHUR, FIRST, LAST AND ALL TIME." It is only thus that we will be able to work out our destiny as a metropolitan along same lines and rise finally at the peak of possibilities that the future seems to hold for us. May the New Year bring happiness and prosperity to each and every one working to be called true citizens of Port Arthur.

We Invite the People of Port Arthur

to view our New Year shipment of Art Pottery which will be on display Tuesday morning, Jan. 2.

Auvert & Searle
528 5th St.
Harris Building

WEINSTEIN
Wishes You a
Happy New Year

Furthermore, we wish to thank the Public for its most generous patronage for the past year.

If the people will continue to stand by us this coming year, we will stand by them, with lowest prices possible.

Weinstein's
Leader of Low Prices

GEORGIA SYRIANS ARE TERRORIZED

Prepare to Migrate Following Death Threats

MARIETTA, Ga., Dec. 30.—The entire Syrian colony today prepared to migrate from Marietta following a second threat against their lives, said to have been served the past few days.

The Syrians, numbering more than twenty families, were said to have been given six months to leave town following the dynamiting of the home of Charley De Haney, wealthy Syrian merchant.

A notice was found on the floor of all homes in the Syrian colony today declaring:

"We wish to give the general public notice that we intend to sell all our property of every description that we own in and around Marietta at the earliest possible time, and will leave Marietta ourselves."

No clues to the identification of the persons behind the threats have been found by authorities.

TANK LOADS FOR LONDON
BEAUMONT, Texas, Dec. 30.—The Tanker, British Officer, arrived in ballast from London Friday afternoon. She lifted a cargo of 2,518, 400 gallons of kerosene at the Magnolia refinery and leaves for London Sunday morning.

FOR SALE

Good 5-Room House

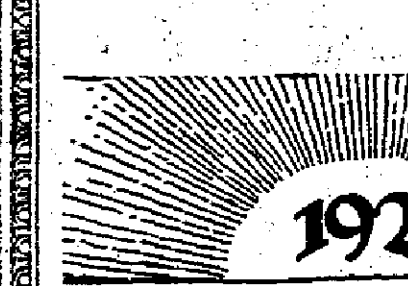
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Burst of Sunshine
That Will Radiate
Happiness, Cheer
and Prosperity
Throughout the
Year 1923. That
is Our Greeting
to You and Yours

Audit Finds County Records in Good Shape

BEAUMONT, Texas, Dec. 30.—A report on the audit of the county books shows that the records of nearly all departments are in a much better condition than they have been at any previous time during the ten years the firm of Hall and Richardson have audited the books.

The result of the audit for Sheriff Garner's office shows that for each of the two years the fees of the office did not equal the expenses and for that reason there is no settlement to be made by him.

HORSE'S KICK CRUSHES BELTON BOY'S SKULL

BEAUMONT, Texas, Dec. 30.—Thurwell Jackson, 12, of Youngport, near here was near death at a local infirmary tonight from skull fracture, caused by the kick of a horse.

The blow crushed in the child's forehead.

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NEW RACE FOR WORLD POWER

Harding's Request for Capital Ships Frank Warning

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—What was regarded as a frank warning that a new race for world supremacy is in progress, along lines not limited by the naval treaty at the Washington arms conference, was given late today when congress was asked by President Harding to launch a \$20,000,000 program of "modernizing" the capital ships left to the United States by the pact.

COUPLE HELD

Police Find \$20,000 in Bank In Trunk

DENVER, Col., Dec. 30.—Miss Margaret Yard, 24, and James T. Martin, 20, were being held in jail here tonight following discovery of more than \$20,000 in \$10 and \$20 bank notes found in a trunk checked by the couple at the Union Pacific here today.

Investigation was started tonight to determine whether the pair had any connection with the recent Denver bank robbery or the Kansas City drive-in bank looting of several weeks ago.

TEMPLE MAN SEVERS JUGULAR WITH RAZOR

TEMPLE, Texas, Dec. 30.—Joseph Weagel, farmer of Cleburne, near here, was found dead today in a smoke house on his farm, his jugular vein slashed. A razor lay at his side. Weagel had been in ill health. It was said he had been a resident of this section for 20 years.

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Pioneer Resident Here Spills Inside History of 'Rabbit' and Donkey

By W. C. MOORE

The "Rabbit" and "Donkey" are the two most famous characters in the history of Port Arthur. The "Rabbit" is a white man, and the "Donkey" is a black man. They are both famous for their misadventures and their lives of crime.

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Only Negro Man Here

When Port Arthur was in its "boom" days, there was a well-known "white man" named "Rabbit". He was a white man, and he was famous for his misadventures and his lives of crime.

Was Complete Custodian

"Rabbit" was a white man, and he was famous for his misadventures and his lives of crime. He was a white man, and he was famous for his misadventures and his lives of crime.

There came a time when "Rabbit" was a white man, and he was famous for his misadventures and his lives of crime. He was a white man, and he was famous for his misadventures and his lives of crime.

Of the fifty-seven different varieties of infectious things in this world, the city-wide inclination of the Port Arthur populace to "whoa" at "Rabbit" was one. It was not uncommon or twenty men to cry "whoa" at the donkey at the same time when the black crab man was passing through the business section.

All things pass away. "Rabbit" and his faithful donkey were both incidents in the record of Port Arthur, and, regrettable as it is to know that it is quite sure, yet everything else will also pass away, and it is to discover the passing through the inside history of the distinguished "Rabbit" and his donkey that this story is related here. Into the Hall of Fame hereby the twin of them go.

Scouting With The Boy Scouts

TRUMPET A. BEAUCOURT

The Boy Scouts held a short business meeting Tuesday evening. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by Shipper, Ray and everyone voted to make it short and snappy, because several had dates to be kept at 8 o'clock, including Shipper, Ray, and there was a general laugh when someone quoted an old saying of Troop 2, "There's nothing ruins a good scoutmaster as quick as a girl," and it applied to a scout as well as a scoutmaster. Troop 2 knows from experience.

As Tuesday is not "off" regular meeting night and the weather was so unpromising, or promising so much bad weather, there was not many out and it was decided not to go on our Christmas cruise because there were so few could go. We hated not to go as we had been planning for several months on what we were going to do. Now we will just have to work for the big summer camp and make it all the better just to make up.

Next week we will start the year with a meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 2, and we want a good attendance. We are going to do something every Sunday should have a say so in, so don't miss the meeting, boys. Be at the Webster at 7:15, Jan. 2.

TRUMPET 4

Well, fellows, our dear Christmas meeting is now passed. We have been looking forward to it, to see just where we stand.

Alton Beadle was out, after a month's absence. Looked good to see Alton in the S. P. leader's chair. All of us are still with you, Alton, but don't forget, we are working now and are expecting much of you after your month's rest.

The meeting was strictly a business meeting. The organizing of Troop 15 was taken up. We find that we will be able to start our second troop with about 20 scouts. Also the date for the first meeting will be the second week in February. In the meantime we are scouts of "good old Troop 6."

A new count showed 44 scouts and candidates present. That is the high water mark for us and a fine number to close our 1932 year with.

Tenderfoot tests were passed by the following scouts: Vernon Heriot, Ray Gentil, Ray Gentil, Rodney Quebeaux, S. J. Stansbury, J. D. Wilson and Alton Beadle. All were voted into the troop.

Again Nolan Landry appeared before us for another test. Scouts give Nolan credit for "observation."

Also Ray Gentil passed "second class signaling." Come on, Ray, let us see you catch up with Nolan.

First class tests were passed as follows: Nature study by Milton Quebeaux and Raymond Quebeaux; first aid by Erwin Laughlin, Elton Trahan, Adam Rodriguez, Leonard Stansbury and Milton Trahan.

After one of the severest eliminations in our history, only Tom Beadle, James Hollingsworth, George Stiel, were left in line. Fully fourteen other scouts were well dressed but were eliminated for mud splashed on shirt, shoes, a slight tear or rip in uniform or a button off or any one of a thousand and one minor defects that might spring up. Boys, I believe we have some high standard patrol leaders. Let's make them live up to the standard they are judging us by.

The following scouts were selected by the scout patrol leaders to be at the Christmas tree given us by the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. We are to assemble at 3 p. m. Sunday in full uniform.

Alton Beadle, George Stiel, Milton Trahan, Geo. Burton, Aristide Landry, Milton Quebeaux, Walton

BIG TANKER IN PACIFIC HAULS

John D. Archbold to Be Used in Standard Undertaking

The tanker John D. Archbold has been withdrawn by the Standard Oil company from Port Arthur service and will be replaced in future ship pings. It is indicated by others of its fleet.

The big tanker, "Ishtar" of the Wm. Rockefeller and each capable of handling 1,400,000 barrels of oil, has been placed by the Standard Oil in the crude oil transportation service between California and New York harbor. A movement of 9,000,000 barrels from the Pacific coast to Atlantic seaboard refineries is contemplated in 1933 to offset the Mexican output.

As the round voyage between New York and San Pedro covers 5,000 miles each way or approximately twice the distance of a round voyage from New York to Tampico or Tuxpan, great economies in transportation are effected by the employment of huge tankships, as each round voyage, occupying 43 days, involves the consumption of 1,700 tons of fuel oil, an outlay of \$5,000 for wages, \$15,000 to \$20,000 for Panama canal tolls, besides the carrying of 5,000 megal to the regular crew.

It is estimated that a movement of 9,000,000 barrels of crude from California would consume three-quarters of a million barrels of fuel oil and mean the payment of a million and a quarter dollars in canal tolls to the government. On a freight rate of 70 cents a barrel the government would receive approximately 14 cents on every barrel of oil moved from California through the canal.

Port Arthur Business College Opens New Year With Every Indication of Big Enrollment

With a larger enrollment in Port Arthur Business college recorded during the first term of the 1932-33 session than ever before in the history of the institution, increases in this new term, starting Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock, Dr. W. E. Callahan, president of the college, declared Saturday.

The night school maintained at the business college will not open until Thursday night at 7 o'clock. Dr. Callahan stated, and an increased attendance in this department of the institution also is assured.

Lifetime Scholarship

Inauguration of a life time scholarship feature will doubtless meet with the approval of many of the present students and any contemplating enrollment in the business college, Dr. Callahan declared, and states this scholarship is now available. Information regarding this feature will be gladly furnished, Dr. Callahan said.

A number of out of town students have already returned and others are expected to reach Port Arthur early this week as a result of the field work done during the past year through a number of towns on the Kansas City Southern railway by N. C. McIntyre, Mrs. Emily Lundy assumes her

Wait For THE FAIR'S JANUARY CLEARAWAY SALE Begins Thursday THE FAIR

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Night School Opens Thursday, 7 p. m.

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January Clearance SALE

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Wishing You A Happy New Year

It is our wish that each grain of sand that marks off the seconds of the coming year will also bring happiness and prosperity to you in goodly measure.

This is our greetings to all Port Arthur and to all the friends of Port Arthur; to everyone in Port Arthur and every friend of every Port Arthurian.

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LOVE SCHOOL TEACHER GETS YEAR JAIL TERM

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 30. —Walter McLaughlin, charged with conducting a love school with Helen Moore, 14, as his pupil, was found guilty by a jury here and sentenced to serve fourteen years in Joliet penitentiary. Harry W. Whitten, former school teacher and erstwhile hotel proprietor, was placed on trial on a similar charge. Whitten stands accused by three little girls.

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A STORY OF A NEWSBOY

Thomas A. Edison began his active business career as a newsboy. He has traveled afar, James Couzens, now a senator from Michigan, began his active career as a newsboy. He is worth \$30,000,000 and the owner of a senatorial toga.

Now the Van Sweringen brothers of Cleveland are in the public eye. Within the past six years they have obtained control of several important systems of railways.

Now it is said they have obtained control of the Chesapeake and Ohio, and all this is a part of a comprehensive scheme of these daring Cleveland operators and financiers to bridge the eastern section of the United States with their transportation lines to be operated from the city of Cleveland.

With the acquisition of the 2500 miles of the Chesapeake and Ohio the Van Sweringens would be operating some 42500 miles of line reaching from Omaha, Nebraska, St. Louis and Chicago to the eastern Atlantic coast. New York newspapers say powerful financial interest of the west are affiliated with the Van Sweringens in their enterprise.

Rumor has it that the Van Sweringens, when they were boys, turned an honest penny by the sale of Cleveland newspapers. They were little news merchants in the street. They made their way rapidly. Cleveland became a rapidly growing city. The brothers were sharp traders.

They had vision and daring. They did not hesitate to take a chance.

They became large holders of real estate far beyond the boundary lines of the old city of Cleveland. In ten years Cleveland added 500,000 to its population. Then the real estate owned by the brothers became very valuable.

It was an acreage property when they purchased it. It had been transformed into valuable residence lots by the growth of population when they placed it on the market and cleaned up a handsome fortune. They needed a railway to enhance the value of their possessions and they purchased one. Now they are in the spotlight as owners of valuable railway properties and as operators. It must be a mistake to say that the age of individualism has passed away. If it did pass away, then it is scoring a come-back.

WAY OF THE WORLD

Roscoe Arbuckle has appealed to the American public to do him justice. In addition to this he asks the American public to be merciful. There is a vast deal of publicity to be obtained by being unforgiving and censorious. It was on the cross that the Nazarene forgave the repentant thief. It hasn't happened since.

St. Louis detectives captured two men alleged to have been engaged in a \$1,000,000 swindle. It happened in one of the American oil fields. There is a sucker born every second and it appears almost impossible to protect him.

WHAT IT COSTS

Prime Minister William Cuno of Germany has proposed to the principal world powers a new peace pact designed to maintain the peace of Europe for the next thirty years by mutual agreements. It will require about thirty years for the peoples of Europe to forget the world which began in 1914. That war cost the world 12,000,000 lives; it maimed or blinded another 12,000,000; it created an army of widows and orphans; it piled up a debt of \$350,000,000,000.

American Reds have organized a national workers party and hope some day to organize a soviet America. Ludwig Lore is one of the organizers of the party. When the American Reds start in to establish a soviet America the undertaker will be given a job by Americans who believe in the government of the fathers and the constitution they handed down to posterity.

KAHN AND HIS PLANS

Otto H. Kahn, an international banker, who claims New York as his home, recommends the policy of cancelling at least a portion of the allied indebtedness to the United States. Then he would fund the balance of the debt, loaning the money to the allied nations for fifty years, bearing an interest rate of 4 per cent annually.

Why not the cancellation of all the debt and be done with it. Otto H. Kahn's proposition, if submitted to the American people, would be buried too deep for resurrection. Allied governments owe the United States more than \$11,000,000,000. If cancellation took place, the American tax payers would be compelled to pay the debt. There would be no other way out of it. Now just why should they carry the load?

Ogden Armour, under a Delaware charter, has organized a \$160,000,000 corporation in order to be able to handle the plant and the affairs of the Morris Packing company. Ogden Armour is the head of the Big Five. There may come a time when he will be all that that speak for the Big Five. Then there will be a \$1,000,000,000 concern.

WHY THEY HATE HIM

Los Angeles says that Fatty Arbuckle is not coming back in the movies and that Col. Will H. Hays is on his way. The English of this is that Hays may resign his \$125,000 a year directorship. Los Angeles never did take kindly to Colonel Hays. No, not Los Angeles, but the drug sellers and dopesters who have had rich picking in the vicinity of Hollywood.

Good Evening Folks!

Diplomats make war; bankers make peace.

We trust 1923 isn't a stickler for precedent.

Another very good thing to take for a cough is the cigarette cure.

An absent-minded married man is one who puts coal on the cat and puts out the fire.

Sometimes one suspects that it wasn't England the Irish hated so much as authority.

Penal statutes are not supposed to be a shotgun: they are supposed to be a scare-crow.

Wives are persons who sit next to you and whisper directions concerning the correct use of the tableware.

The way Uncle Sam gets blamed for everything, a stranger might think him Europe's husband.

Too many of them think salesmanship consists in showing you that you don't know what you want.

Uncle Sam's great problem is to do something sensible without being accused of favoring Germany.

It's a hard world. And about the time a man learns to be hard-headed his arteries get that way, too.

You can say one thing for the coal industry. It doesn't put on a new strike until after the old one stops hurting.

The more we think of world profiteers, the more we respect the fine quality that persuaded Judas to hang himself.

How unfortunate that the only men who know how to handle the world problems should waste their time in villages whitening goods boxes.

It's just as easy to make friends after you get old, but it is harder to find people you are willing to be friends with.

The great need of the non-Christian nations is Christianity. Still, you can say that much about the Christian nations.

In India they have unearthed an ancient Government building. They expect to get through the red tape some time next spring.

The human infant is the most helpless of all animals. Otherwise he probably wouldn't be saddled with a portion of the war debt.

Correct this sentence: "This is Billy's night to call," said Daughter, "and I wish the family would stay up and enjoy the evening with us."

EAST DRAWS UPON CALIFORNIA OIL

Standard has an official newspaper mouthpiece known as The Lamp. The Lamp says that the East is going to draw upon California to meet its needs from the petroleum fields of the golden state via the Panama canal to the Atlantic seaboard for the eastern refineries.

Approximately 9,000,000 barrels of petroleum are expected to be transported annually via the canal and from this movement it is estimated the United States government will get \$250,000,000 in tolls.

The publication also says that it requires slightly over twice as much tonnage to transport the same quantity of oil from California to the Atlantic as from Mexico. Two of the largest tankers in the world, the William Rockefeller and John D. Archbold, each capable of taking on 140,000 barrels are to be drafted for the service.

Also the round voyage of a tanker from New York to San Pedro, a distance of approximately ten thousand miles, involves consumption of 1,700 tons of fuel oil. With anticipated annual movement of over 9,000,000 of oil The Lamp says the vessels would consume over 750,000 barrels of fuel oil and the government would receive a Panama tolls 14c for every barrel of oil moved from California.

There is a great fleet of large tankers engaged in the Mexican trade, carrying the crude from Mexico to the refineries on the Atlantic seaboard. California is the largest producer of petroleum, Oklahoma ranks second, Texas third with Kansas a close fourth.

Louisiana and Arkansas are heavy producers with the production by oil operators that the latter state will take fourth place in the near future, reducing Kansas to fifth.

Six months ago it was predicted that salt water had ruined many of the larger wells in the Tampico territory but Mexican exports of oil continue to increase in volume and are larger as the year nears its close than ever before.

Mexican crude is on the free list. It was placed there by the democrats; it was not disturbed by the republicans.

PROSPERITY SIGN

American exports in November reached the highest point of the year, according to a bulletin issued by the department of commerce, showing a business totaling \$393,000,000. It also carried the statement that American agriculture and industry generally benefited from the increasing export business. Regardless of the croakings of foreign rulers and their political advisers prospects in foreign fields are growing brighter.

AID FOR FARMERS

Thanks to the war finance corporation of the government, the farmer is on the road again. Almost a half billion dollars has been advanced.

HANGING BY A THREAD



THE MISTAKES OF THE KAISER

By RENE VIVIANI

Premier of France When the War Broke Out
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CLOUDS OF WAR THICKEN

M. Poincaré and I left our country on the morning of July 30, 1914. Hooked lightly between the blue sky and the blue water, in that isolation which for a man in public office, is the reward of action, the president of the French republic and I sat chatting with each other. We were journeying, with heads held high and hearts toward peace, toward the strengthening of our alliance with Russia, toward the establishment of friendly relations with other lands, toward that fusion of general sympathies, which in the privileged friendship caused by the existence of an alliance does not preclude additional knitting together of thoughts and interests. Nor does that friendship destroy independence, since, otherwise, an alliance would degenerate into servitude. M. Poincaré had informed me, in my capacity of responsible head of the government, of the speech which he was to make at the imperial banquet, and I had asked to have the speech to be made by the czar communicated to me, which request had been granted. These two speeches, both published, in strong and clear words, to peace.

What were we going to say to the czar, to the Russian government? Of course, we were going to talk about the state of Europe, about the interests of the alliance between our two countries. We also intended (nor did M. Poincaré and I omit this) to ask for the establishment of more cordial relations between Russia and Sweden, the latter having complained about isolated acts by a Russian naval armaments. Finally, we were going to give expression to English grievances with regard to the actions of certain Russian consuls. An alliance requires that a certain degree of consideration, comparable with its maintenance, be shown to other nations.

We talked of these subjects and of others, outside the province of our duties, drawing often upon our professional and political memories for the material of our friendly conversations. When we arrived in the roadstead of Cronstadt on Monday, July 29, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, a murderous heat was pouring from the heavens upon the gorgeous spectacle before us, a heat of such intensity that far up there in the north of Europe, I almost feared to exchange it for the heat of my beloved Africa. (Zar Nicholas, a dapper as a cavalier of flower was in his usual to the indignity of those two considerations. This I was to learn later, in 1916, at the general headquarters of his army, when an imperial sign from him, for which I asked in the course of a mission on which I had been sent, sufficed for me to obtain what France desired.)

Conversation With the Czar
What can I say of our conversations? The head of the French republic spoke, alone for almost an hour, with the czar, as was proper, I too, conversed with the czar, also, naturally with the premier, and above all with M. Sazonoff. We were in agreement, as other ministers had been before me, in 1912, and at all times regarding the necessity for maintaining the alliance in dignity and peace. Also—as I have noted above—we transmitted the grievances of England and Sweden. All the arrangements of difficulties requested by us were granted.

Shall I speak of the celebrations, re-

views, parades, of the reception by the emperor, so magnificent in her beauty, with her blue eyes as gleaming as a sapphire? How long are it all! The set of Russia—a brand that is always frozen, hides the horrors of beatitudes, to escape from which neither rank, age nor sex is exempt. The Emperor William, in August, 1914, called for "charity" among the regicides! His government defrayed the expenses of Lenin's journey to Russia!

And now, we are drawing close to the drama. We shall set forth its plot and after that it will be easy to untangle its threads.

On July 23, 1914, we left the Russian shore and started for Sweden, as had been officially and publicly declared up to a long time before. I was at the czar's side, as I was in the small details of the trip, even the departure, and above all, the date of departure, were known to all the European chancelleries. The press in every country was full of the matter. We left at about 10 o'clock in the evening.

In the meantime, the murderers of right, who had kept silent until that moment, were sending upon their first victim, the ultimatum to Serbia, on July 23, the very day of our departure. The Austrian minister at Belgrade, the worst "agent-provocateur" whom a government had ever stationed in a foreign country, under the lying disguise of an official costume.

Allowing for the necessary lapse of time, we calculated that the ultimatum having been delivered at Belgrade at 5 in the afternoon, had not become known in St. Petersburg until after our departure.

Von Jagow's Secret Saying
Our journey had been speeded upon by Von Jagow. Let readers form their own opinion as to the extent of this saying. This minister of foreign affairs who has well shown in the course of later chapters had decided all knowledge of the ultimatum at the end of July, having learned that, on July 23, we were delaying our departure by two hours, telegraphed to Vienna to the German ambassador for the purpose of acquainting him with this, and with the request that he cause the ultimatum to be delivered two hours later.

This shows how everything had been prepared in such a way that the blow should not fall until after we had departed. It shows how an attempt was made to discover the contents in the face of the cleverly hidden combination of the central powers.

Anxiety Increases
Nevertheless, the attitude of the Austrian ambassador to the court of Russia, which, though certainly polite, was more than reserved, combined with warning forebodings, led me, about 1 o'clock in the morning of the night between the 23rd and 24th, to telegraph to Paris, in accordance with an agreement which I had made to that effect with M. Sazonoff.

To obviate all danger, even remote, I informed the government of the French republic at Paris that if Austria should make a demand upon Serbia, M. Poincaré was to be requested in advance to endeavor to have it couched in a more acceptable form. On the next day, July 24, while we were steaming toward Sweden, amid heavy weather and upon a rough sea, some shreds of messages, badly joined together, were brought to us by the invisible air waves. From that moment, the shrill sound of the wireless, placing the harmony of our attitude, made known to us, bit by bit, in separate fragments, the ultimatum to Serbia, the terms in which it was couched, its threats, the undeserved accusations which Austria, basing herself upon the official report of one of her agents, had brought against Serbia.

I made an effort to resume my official duties and, from far out on the sea, in the solitude of my cabin, on the outer world and is deprived

I telegraphed to London (Yellow Book No. 22) for the purpose of requesting that joint action be taken for the purpose of lengthening the ultimatum, short time allowance granted to Serbia, compelling Serbia to show the greatest prudence, and seeking to institute an international investigation.

On July 24th, at 3 o'clock in the morning, we arrived at Stockholm, where M. Tardieu, our minister there, at last handed us the exact text of the ultimatum. And thus we received confirmation of the severity of its conditions, more insistent than all the rest, constituting a veritable declaration of war in themselves, giving Serbia only 48 hours in which to reply, refusing her even the right to discuss her decision, and robbing Europe of the chance to give helpful advice.

Everything looked dark. Yet we were comforted throughout the day to recognize the exquisite politeness of the king of Sweden, to look on at external, without succeeding in freeing ourselves from the internal torture of our thoughts. That evening at 7 our minister at Christiania, pursuant to orders which I had given him over the telephone, informed me that the German emperor had left Berlin for an unknown destination. The comedy was drawing to an end. The real drama was to be hurried onward by the return of that innocent and naive traveler.

We left Stockholm at 11 o'clock that night. Never did I see such a contrast between nature and the painful feelings of all those present. The heavens had gathered over our heads in all their splendor; the white wake of our majestic ship was bathed in light. In our minds, however, the shadows were beginning to deepen.

Only Mrazer News of Ultimatum
We tried constantly to get news, a piercing whistling sound would cut through the air. What did it bring? Nothing but an unintelligible message in a short paper! Another—only a sentence bearing no relation whatever to anything else. And all the time we were waiting to learn what the Serbian answer was. Convinced that counsel of moderation and prudence had been given by France and Russia, convinced of the sense of duty of the noble little Serbian nation, we felt sure, in advance that its answer would be conciliatory and of a nature making possible an honorable settlement.

The 24th and 25th were without news. Each hour that passed, we felt undoubtedly marked some grave event, but we were unaware what it might be. We could not know it. The German government—as was learned later from documents found at Metz—had given orders to disturb wireless communications.

Here is what was found in the files at the German wireless station at Metz.

July 24th, 2 o'clock. The secretary orders that French wireless communications be disturbed in such a way as not to constitute a violation of peace. (Gouvernement français, transmettent l'ordre de perturber les communications radio-électriques de la France.)

2 o'clock. "The communication engineer of the wireless orders that French Russian wireless communications be disturbed in such a way as not to constitute a violation of peace." (Gouvernement français, transmettent l'ordre de perturber les communications radio-électriques de la France.)

2 o'clock. The Eiffel tower has understood our intention of disturbing its communications and is evidently trying to deceive us by transmitting with great energy to Dunkirk news for the steamship "France," which does not answer. "In view of the possible importance to Russia of the contents of the dispatches, this transmission is also blocked (underbunden)."

And here is why we knew nothing of what was going on. Surrounded by the solitude of the sea, far from all men, it is impossible to know what is going on in the world. Responsibility, no matter how crushing it may be, is assumed proudly when the will to assume it is based on reality. Out there on the sea, though, we had nothing on which to shape our actions. How thought is strengthened when it illuminates the inner world which man carries within himself! But what agony one suffers, on the other hand, when one is confronted with the necessity of acting on the outer world and is deprived

of every means of doing so. On the morning of the 27th we received the following: "The Austro-Hungarian ultimatum to Serbia, submitted in its moderation. As yet, in spite of this, the Austrian minister had taken his departure from Belgrade two hours after he had received the reply. What did this mean?"

As we drew nearer to France, we guessed the nature of the answer. Involuntarily, which, engineered cleverly and violently, served as the framework for the situation, Germany, hailing joyfully the return of her emperor, refused to intercede with Austria, and at the same time, arrogantly demanded that we seek to influence Russia. She, in effect, to say it was to us. In this task, setting completely aside her purpose being to denounce Russia, with backing from us as the guilty party.

Refusal of further delay: no interference from the rest of Europe; England pushed aside; the conflict local, which meant the strangling of Serbia out of our sight; Serbia invaded; Belgrade bombarded; war begun—these were the successive stages of the drama.

Decision to Return to France
On the preceding day we had decided to return directly to France.

Up to this time, the "savior" toward our country, which, that day, toward Denmark, economically we had not had a moment. Again I telegraphed (Yellow Book, No. 78) to M. Bismarck-Martin, who so ably aided in my plan, giving my approval of his firm and prudent conduct, and for the purpose of protecting him. On the morning of the 28th, by the first light of the dawn, we sighted the coast of France. At last! A twinging light beneath a roof, a house, dockside, meant a gradually emerging sky line—Dunkirk! And now we are piloted into port, and men verred in politics, deeply moved but firm, bring us information and colleagues of ours give us the news, and workmen pause in their work to greet us! Then—Paris! A sea of human beings overwhelming us. Hordes of Frenchmen, already united to meet the savior threatening France, their faces shining with the century-old idealism of France and her lofty pride. Hall, land of independence and valor! The reception given us by them helped our souls to rise superior to fate. 11 o'clock in the morning until midnight work are unskilled laborers. This ing of French saviors has been heard the outcome of present developments.

The One-Man Woman

KATE FINDS ALICE

By Ruth Agnes Edding

BEGIN HERE TODAY

KATE WARD, following her husband's death, returned from the city to the village of her childhood to care for her widower father.

JUSTIN PARSONS. To their cottage came CHINATOWN ALICE with the story that Kate's dead husband, DAN WARD, was the father of Alice's child.

DOROTHY. Later came the news that Dorothy was very ill and Kate left home to visit the laundry of SING LOY, with whom Alice lived, to determine what ought to be done for the child. Sing received her and beckoned her to a room at the rear of his shop.

GO ON WITH THE STORY

At a door which opened into a dimly light room, Kate was left alone. Sing Loy had disappeared.

Kate peered in. The small, windowless enclosure was walled on four sides by heavy embroidery on a scarlet background. The bed was canopied and draped in brilliant satins, heavy with still more embroideries. On a small, vandyke-stained stand was a high, fancifully ornamented pitcher, from which long pipe-stems issued. There was just one chair in the room—a small, straight-backed affair in gold leaf.

From the scarlet satin-drapings of the bed rose a figure. A feminine figure, it advanced.

"Alice!" Kate was startled by the sound, though it was her own voice. "Yes," defiantly, and then: "Yes," in a lower tone half-apologetic, half-canting.

"Have you time to talk to me now—or are you busy?" Kate asked. "Oh, I've got time," flippantly. "What I don't do now I can do some other time—I wasn't sold on the block, you know!"

"How is Dorothy?" Kate queried. "Look her to the hospital today." There was still a defiant note in her voice. "That's why I'm here. I'd be working if it wasn't for that."

"Do you know what it is?" Kate asked. She was curiously affected by the knowledge that little Dorothy had taken a turn for the worse.

"Lungs," dully.

"Lungs trouble?" Kate's tone was anxious.

Alice nodded. "Oh—I knew it was coming," she said at length. "This wasn't any place to bring a kid up. Wet clothes. Steam. No air. Look at this place!"

Alice's hand swept the gorgeously patterned enclosure.

"It's pretty near got me," she went on. "Worked here five years. Other girls been here about three years. Don't know their names even. One girl called Pearl. Got two kids, she supports 'em—man's gone. I guess she's never told us—never told us what his name was."

"She's just Pearl."

Greetings! 1922

GREETINGS and Salutations, kid. And also "Welcome to our city!" The Old Year's blown, we're glad he did. His gears was gettin' worn and grinds: He wasn't litten' on all six. The poor old wreck could hardly toddle. He wasn't worth the time to fix: So we got YOU, a brand new model!

ITS true the roads be found was tough. Chuck full of mud and sand and gravel: You'll find some, too, but do Your Stuff. Let's see how smooth you can travel. We're wishing you the best of luck. And that is straight, we wouldn't con you; Go on now, show your pep and pluck. We're for you, kid, our wad is on you!

THAT old bird, 1922. Done well, though his career was checkered. But we're expectin' more from you. We're backin' you to break his record. Shoot! Start your act! Get busy! We're watchin' every move you're makin'. Go to it, 1923. Step out and cop the well-known bacon! (Copyright, 1923, NEA Service)



FROM THE SCARLET SATIN DRAPINGS OF THE BEDTOS: ALICE

"I'm just Alice," continued the blond girl. "We have the rest of our name when we begin ironing shirts and underwear here." "And I guess it's just as well that we do," she added lightly. "Kate Ward was short. She studied the girl—frail and blond—against her scarlet satin background. At length she spoke: "But you're—you're his wife, aren't you?" Alice stared at Kate. "His wife—whose wife? Sing Loy's?" something of the old bravado in her tone. Kate nodded. "Wife? Wife?" Alice laughed. "Hell, no."

(To Be Continued)

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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

See thy way in the valley; know what thou hast done.—Jeremiah 2:23. We turn and look upon the valley of the spot. There below are the spots stained by our evil and our fear. But as we look a glow of sunlight breaks upon the past and in the sunshine is a soft rain, falling from heaven. It washes away the stain, and upon the purity of the upper sky a voice seems to descend and enter our sobered hearts. "My child, go forward, abiding in faith, hope and love, for lo, I am with you always."—Stopford Brooks.



MRS. R. BEGNEAUD HAS ARRIVED in the city from Alexandria, La., to be at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Ed Begnaud, who is seriously ill.